

REMARKS

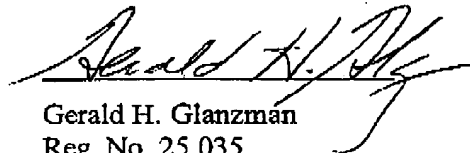
By the present Amendment, Claims 1-4, 6-7, 13-16, 18-19, 25-29 and 31 have been canceled to expedite prosecution. Claims 5, 8-12, 17, 20-24 and 30 remain pending in the application and stand allowed.

This application is, accordingly, now believed to be in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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